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**HALF OF THIS  
THING OF  
HORROR**

**WAS MAN-- BUT  
THE OTHER HALF WAS  
GHASTLY DEATH!  
IT STRUCK AT  
NIGHT, WHEN THE  
DARKNESS COULD  
HIDE THE EVIL  
SHAPE OF...  
"THE  
ANATOMICAL  
MONSTER!"**

**HE THOUGHT  
THAT NO ONE  
HAD SEEN HIM  
KILL HIS VICTIM--  
BUT A LITTLE  
MAN FROM THE  
SPIRIT WORLD  
HAD WITNESSED  
HIS BLOODY CRIME!  
THE POLTERGEIST  
TORTURED JOHN  
DUNN UNTIL HE  
MADE A MADMAN  
OF...  
"THE HAUNTED  
MURDERER!"**

**THEY STOLE THE SACRED CEREMONIAL DANCE  
OF THE VOODOO SECT OF THE DEAD  
--AND TURNED IT INTO A VAUDEVILLE ACT!  
--THEY LAUGHED AT SUPERSTITION, UNTIL  
BLACK MAGIC LED JACK AND DOOM  
BLAKE TO... "THEIR CRIMSON DAILY!"**

# ANATOMICAL MONSTER

IT'S JUST A PIECE OF PAPER!  
HA-HA! WE'LL BURN IT!  
SEND IT UP IN SMOKE! IT CAN'T  
HURT US THEN! WHA--?!

TOO LATE! LOOK!  
HERE IT COMES!  
IT'S GOT US!  
AAAAIEEEEE!

JOE KIRK WAS A MEDICAL STUDENT! HE  
THOUGHT THE CHART WOULD HELP HIM  
IN HIS STUDY OF HUMAN ANATOMY! HE  
LAUGHED AT THE OLD MAN'S WARNING!  
TOO LATE KIRK REALIZED THAT, HERE,  
IMPRISONED ON THIS PIECE OF PAPER,  
WAS A THING GHASTLY BEYOND ALL  
IMAGINING --  
THE ANATOMICAL MONSTER!



IN AN OLD ANTIQUE SHOP...

I JUST THOUGHT I'D LOOK AROUND! MIGHT PICK OUT A LITTLE PRESENT FOR MY GIRL! SHE LIKES ANTIQUES!



CAN'T SPEND VERY MUCH! YOU SEE, I'M JUST A MEDICAL STUDENT! I DON'T HAVE VERY MUCH MONEY! I'D LIKE THIS LOCKET, IF IT'S NOT TOO EXPENSIVE...

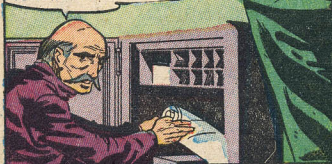
MEDICAL STUDENT? JUST A MOMENT! I'VE GOT SOMETHING ESPECIALLY SUITED FOR YOU!



JACK KIRK WAS PUZZLED! THE OLD MAN WAS ACTING VERY QUEERLY! HIS HANDS WERE SHAKING AS HE UNLOCKED HIS SAFE, AND ....

HERE IT IS! S-SOMETHING I TREASURE VERY HIGHLY! I--I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT! YOU'RE A MEDICAL STUDENT - JUST THE PERSON FOR IT!

WHAT IS IT?

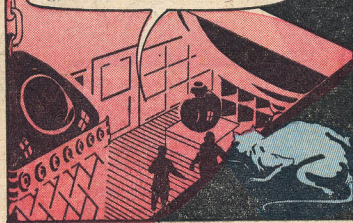


NO! DON'T LOOK AT IT! JUST TAKE IT WITH YOU!

YOU WANT ME TO BUY SOMETHING WITHOUT LOOKING AT IT? DON'T BE SILLY!



I-I WON'T CHARGE YOU ANYTHING! I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT! IT'S--IT'S A MEDICAL CHART OF THE HUMAN BODY! IT SHOWS THE MUSCLES! -- THE NERVE STRUCTURE! IT'S AUTHENTIC -- WONDERFULLY, ACCURATELY DRAWN! BUT DON'T OPEN IT! NOT HERE!



KIRK TOOK THE CHART, AND, AS HE LEFT THE OLD ANTIQUE SHOP - - -

HE'S A LITTLE OFF HIS ROCKER - MIGHT AS WELL HUMOR HIM!

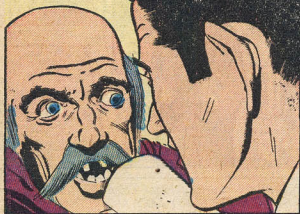
THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME! I NO LONGER WANT IT!

WELL, THANKS A LOT! I'M GLAD TO HAVE IT!

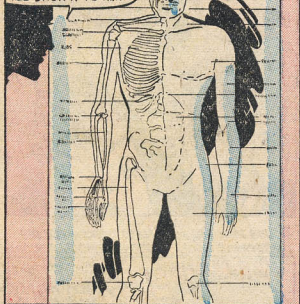




AT ONE TIME I, TOO, WAS A SCIENTIST!  
I DREW THE CHART! YOU'LL FIND IT  
CORRECT TO THE LAST VEIN!



WHY, IT'S WONDERFUL! WHOEVER DREW THIS CER-  
TAINLY KNEW ANATOMY! I'VE NEVER SEEN A CHART  
WITH SUCH DETAIL! THIS  
SURELY WILL MAKE A  
HIT WITH THE PROF!  
I'LL SHOW IT TO HIM!



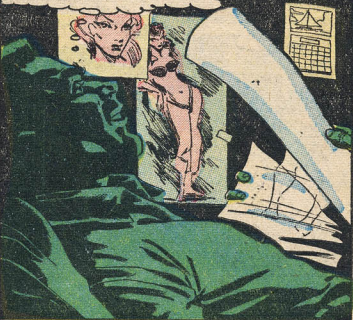
AND THE NEXT DAY, IN THE PHYSIOLOGY CLASSROOM...

NOW, HERE WE HAVE THE COMPLETE SAY, THAT SURE  
NERVOUS STRUCTURE! SHOWS EVERY-  
FROM THE BRAIN, THING CLEARLY! BEATS  
THE MOTOR ANYTHING I'VE EVER  
IMPULSES ... LOOKED AT!



KIRK WAS AMUSED, AND, NATURALLY, INTENSELY CURIOUS! AT  
THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, IN HIS DORMITORY ...

HE SURE MADE A BIG FUSS OVER THE THING!  
I WONDER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!



THE EXCITED KIRK TOOK HIS FIND TO DR. NORTON, HEAD  
OF THE SCHOOL, AND ...

IT'S MARVELOUS! I'LL USE IT IN CLASS!  
WHERE DID YOU GET IT, JACK? IT'S  
THE MOST DETAILED ANATOMICAL  
CHART I'VE EVER  
SEEN!

AN OLD FELLOW IN AN  
ANTIQUE SHOP GAVE  
IT TO ME! HE'S A QUEER  
OLD DUCK! HE SEEMED  
TO WANT TO GET RID OF  
IT!



THAT NIGHT, IN THE DARK, SILENT CLASSROOM ...



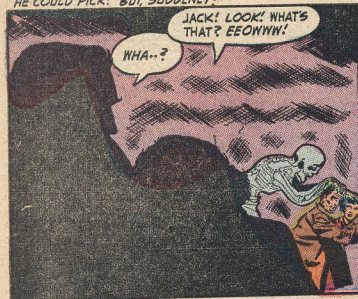


AND NEXT MORNING, WHEN KIRK LOOKED AT THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ....

COUPLE OF HYSTERICAL GIRLS THOUGHT THEY SAW A MONSTER! YOUNG GIRLS CAN IMAGINE ANYTHING! PROBABLY NOTHING BUT A SHADOW THAT FRIGHTENED THEM!



IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT, JUST MADE FOR LOVERS! KIRK WALKED HIS GIRL HOME BY THE LONELIEST ROUTE HE COULD PICK! BUT, SUDDENLY...



HELP! SAVE ME!  
AAIIIEE!  
GET AWAY,  
YOU  
MONSTER!

THAT'S - THAT'S THE THING THAT WAS  
SEEN LAST NIGHT!

JACK!  
JACK!

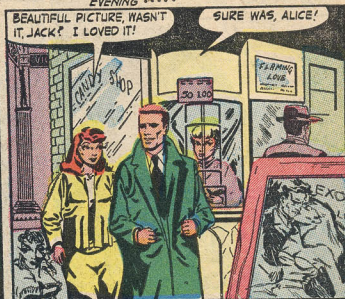
MY CHART!  
IT LOOKS LIKE  
MY CHART!



JACK KIRK NEVER THOUGHT OF HIS CHART! HE SAW NO CONNECTION! WHY SHOULD HE? BUT THAT NEXT EVENING ....

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE, WASN'T IT, JACK? I LOVED IT!

SURE WAS, ALICE!



ANOTHER YOUNG COUPLE CHANCED TO BE THERE ON THE SHADY LANE, AND IN THAT TERRIBLE MOMENT...



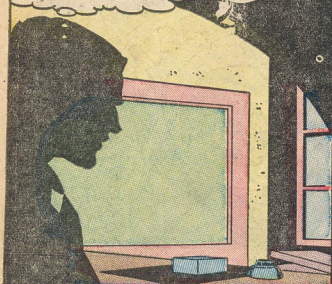
YOUNG KIRK AND ALICE FLED! THEY DID NOT SEE THE TERRIBLE CLIMAX, THERE IN THE MOONLIT WOODS!





AT ALICE'S HOME THEY REPORTED WHAT THEY HAD SEEN! AS SOON AS HE COULD, JACK KIRK ESCAPED FROM THE TURMOIL AND LEFT, THEN ...

WHERE DID DR. NORTON PUT THAT CHART? IT MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! I'VE GOT TO FIND IT!



IT WAS MIDNIGHT NOW! CARRYING THE ROLLED CHART, KIRK RUSHED TO THE OLD ANTIQUE SHOP, ROUTED OUT THE PROPRIETOR, AND ...

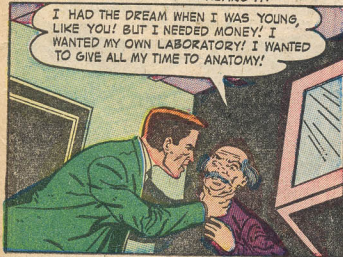
YOU-- YOU PROMISED ME YOU'D BURN IT! YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE!

YOU KNEW THE THING WAS DIABOLIC! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? WHY DID YOU LET ME TAKE IT WITHOUT KNOWING?

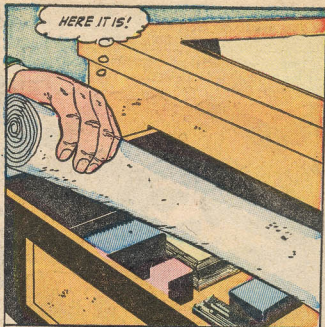


HISTERICALLY THE OLD MAN CONFESSED A GRIM AND TERRIBLE STORY! KIRK TURNED COLD WITH SHUDDERING HORROR AS HE HEARD IT!

I HAD THE DREAM WHEN I WAS YOUNG, LIKE YOU! BUT I NEEDED MONEY! I WANTED MY OWN LABORATORY! I WANTED TO GIVE ALL MY TIME TO ANATOMY!



HERE IT IS!



I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO DESTROY IT! I'VE BEEN A STUDENT OF ANATOMY ALL MY LIFE! THE CHART WAS MY LIFE'S WORK!



"BILL GRANT AND HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE WERE MY BEST FRIENDS! BILL WAS RICH! HE WAS A BROODING FELLOW! HE ACTED STRANGELY!"



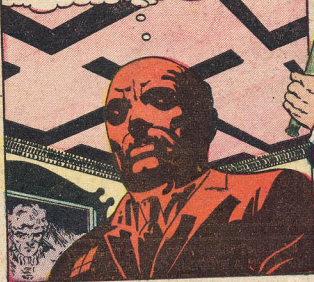
BILL CERTAINLY ACTS QUEER! AND YOU CAN'T MISS SEEING THAT GLORIA'S AFRAID OF HIM! SHE ACTS HALF SCARED TO DEATH, THE POOR KID!





"I PLANNED IT THEN! I WOULD KILL BILL GRANT! GLORIA WOULD BE RICH, AND I WOULD MARRY HER! I TOLD MYSELF I HAD A GOOD EXCUSE!"

BILL'S INSANE! THERE'S NO QUESTION OF THAT IN MY MIND! HE MIGHT KILL GLORIA! I'LL SAVE HER FROM HIM!



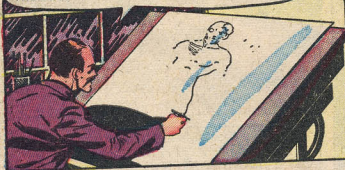
"I PLANNED IT CAREFULLY! I GOT MY CHANCE ONE NIGHT WHEN WE WERE ALONE, AND ..."



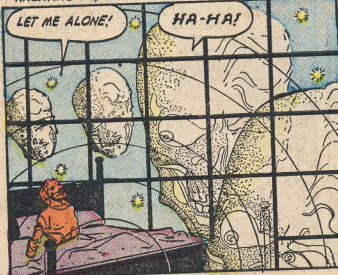
"I HADN'T REALIZED! I GUESS, SUBCONSCIOUSLY, THE MEMORY OF HIS FACE HAD ALWAYS BEEN WITH ME! AND NOW, SUDDENLY..."

"NO ONE EVER SUSPECTED ME! POOR GLORIA DIED SOON AFTER I MARRIED HER! I WENT ON WITH MY MEDICAL STUDIES! THEN-- ONLY LAST YEAR--I WAS READY TO DRAW MY MASTER CHART! AND WHEN I HAD FINISHED IT, I SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT..."

WHY-- WHY I'VE DRAWN BILL GRANT'S FACE! I THOUGHT I'D FORGOTTEN HIM YEARS AGO!

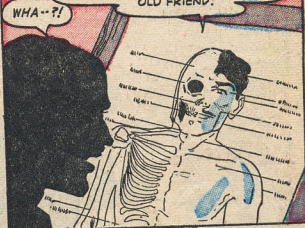


"EVER SINCE THEN THE TERRIBLE THING HAS BEEN HAUNTING ME, THREATENING ME..."



SO YOU'VE BROUGHT ME BACK! HA-HA-HA! THANK YOU, MY OLD FRIEND!

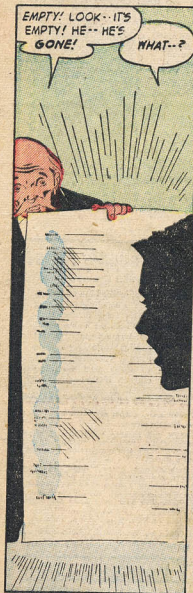
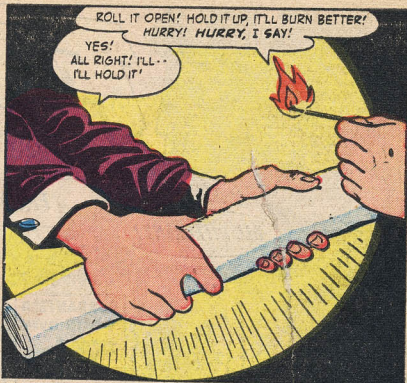
WHA--?!



HE-- HE'S ALWAYS AROUND! AND HE'S A MANIC! I-I LOCKED THE CHART IN MY SAFE, BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE! I WANTED TO BURN IT! BUT I COULDN'T BEAR TO! I WAS AFRAID THAT IF I KEPT IT, HE WOULD KILL ME! SO I GAVE IT TO YOU!









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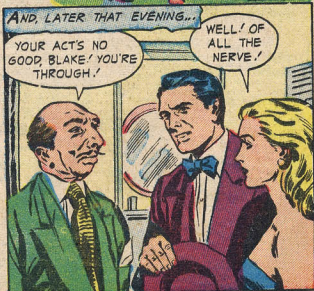
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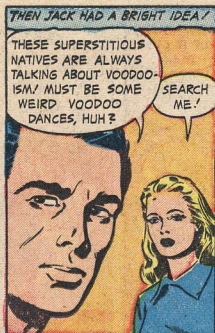
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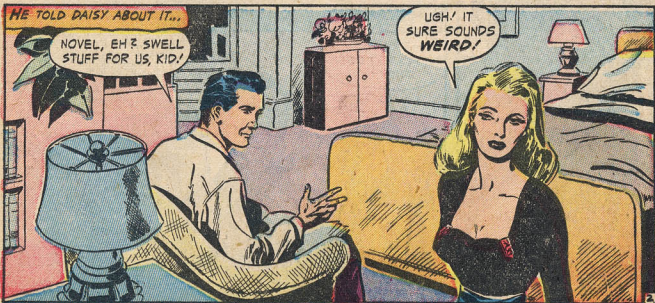
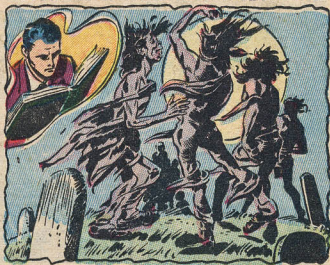








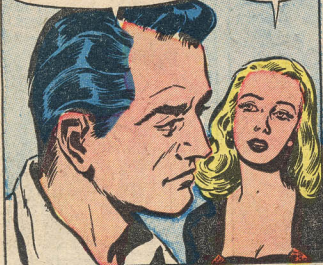
"AND IT IS SAID THAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED BY VIOLENCE OFTEN STALK BY NIGHT IN UNHOLY RITUALS OF THE LIVING DEAD! MANY INSTANCES ARE ON RECORD WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN DANCING!"





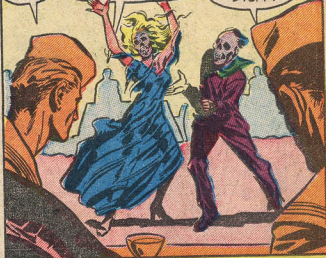
WEIRD? SURE! BUT, LISTEN--HERE'S THE TOPPER! WE'LL BURLESQUE IT! GRUESOME STUFF! IT'LL LAND US ON BROADWAY IN A YEAR!

WELL, IF YOU THINK WE CAN PUT IT OVER, JACK...



THEY WORKED HARD ON IT! THE MANAGER OF THE LITTLE CAFE GAVE THEM ANOTHER TRY, AND...

WOW! IT'S SURE GRUESOME! WHAT CREEPY STUFF!



HA-HA! THAT'S FUNNY! THEY'RE GOOD!



THE NOVEL ACT WAS A BIG HIT! THE FAME OF JACK AND DAISY BLAKE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND! BUT ONE NIGHT...

INFIDELS! PROFANERS! WHA--? OF THE DEAD! YOU SHALL BE PUNISHED!



THE FATE THAT WAS OURS SHALL BE YOURS! DEATH BY VIOLENCE! THE TIME WILL COME--YOU CANNOT ESCAPE IT! YOU WILL MAKE MONEY, YES! BUT IT WILL CAUSE YOU BOTH TO BE MURDERED!

OHhhh!



A FRIGHTENING THING! BUT THEY TRIED TO LAUGH IT OFF, AND...

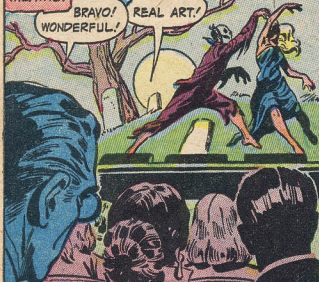
I--I GUESS I'M SCARED, DOING THIS!

NONSENSE! HOW CAN THE DEAD HURT US? WE ONLY IMAGINED THAT WE SAW THEM, ANYWAY! WE'RE GONNA GET RICH, KID!





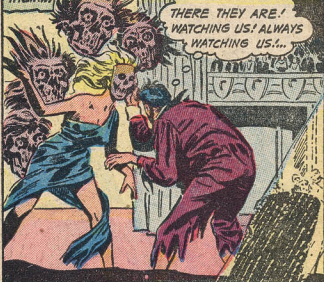
THE MONEY CAME IN! SOON THEY WERE APPEARING IN THE CAPITAL CITY, IN THE BIG MUNICIPAL THEATRE!



BRAYO! WONDERFUL!

REAL ART!

BUT ALWAYS IT SEEMED THAT THE RESTLESS, ENRAGED SPIRITS OF THE DEAD WERE WATCHING THEM...



THERE THEY ARE! WATCHING US! ALWAYS WATCHING US...

AND SOMETIMES AT NIGHT...

SOON! YOU WILL BOTH BE MURDERED! BEWARE!



GET AWAY FROM US! LEAVE US ALONE!

THEIR TERROR GREW! WOULD SOMEBODY TRY TO KILL THEM? NOW THEY WERE SUSPICIOUS OF EVERYONE THEY MET!

WELL, HELLO THERE! CONGRATULATIONS! YOU SURE HIT THE BIG TIME!

WHAT A QUEER TOM! YEAH, LOOK HE'S GOT! WE'RE DOING ALL HE DARE-- RIGHT!



THEY LIVED LIVES OF TORTURE! ALL THEIR FOOD AND DRINK TASTED QUEER! SHADOWS ALWAYS SEEM TO BE HOLDING AN ASSASSIN!

JACK, WE'VE GOT TO GET ANOTHER ACT!

GIVE UP BIG MONEY? DON'T BE A FOOL!



YOU'RE THE FOOL! DO YOU WANT TO GET US MURDERED?



HAH! THAT STUFF'S ONLY FOR IGNORANT NATIVES!

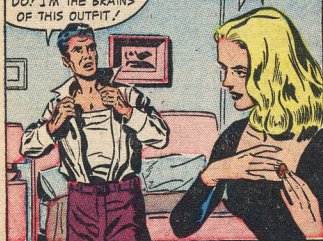




THEIR TAUT NERVES WERE FRAYED BY TERROR!  
THEY OFTEN GUARRELED...

DON'T YOU TELL ME  
WHAT WERE GOING TO  
DO! I'M THE BRAINS  
OF THIS OUTFIT!

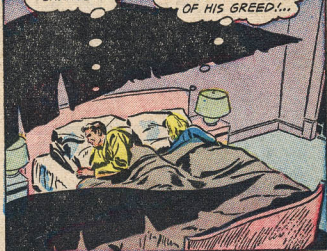
YEAH? WHO PUTS  
THE ACT OVER?  
NOT YOU!



THEIR MUTUAL TERROR BROUGHT HATRED!

SHE'LL DOUBLECROSS  
ME IF SHE GETS A  
CHANCE!...

HE'LL GET US MUR-  
DERED! I DON'T WANT  
TO DIE, JUST BECAUSE  
OF HIS GREED!...



AND SOON AFTER THAT...

HELLO, TESSIE!

HI!



SURE WISH I  
COULD MAKE A  
HIT LIKE YOU AND  
DAISY! THERE'S  
MY CUE! 'BYE,  
NOW!

...IF DAISY WANTS  
TO QUIT ME--  
OKAY! TESSIE'D  
BE A BETTER  
PARTNER, ANY-  
WAY!...



SHE'S ASLEEP!  
YOU CAN DO IT!

SURE I  
CAN!...



AND THAT SAME NIGHT...

AW, SHUT UP!  
GO AHEAD AND  
QUIT ME! I'D BE  
GLAD TO GET  
RID OF YOU!

ALL RIGHT,  
I WILL, IF  
YOU'LL GIVE  
ME MY SHARE  
OF OUR MONEY!



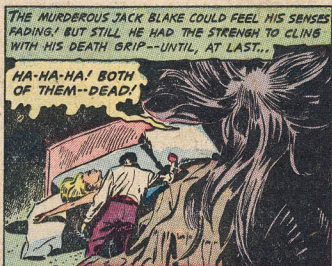
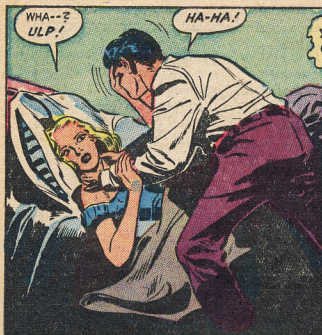
AND LATER, WHEN DAISY WAS  
ASLEEP...

WHAT ARE  
YOU AFRAID OF?  
YOU CAN DO IT!

WHY NOT?  
THAT WOULD  
FIX EVERY-  
THING!...









# The Steps in the Cellar!

It was an old house. It was dark and gloomy. Pete Welch looked at it with foreboding. It was sort of - well, *eerie* looking, and he felt a vague sense of foreboding chill his spine as he looked into the blank, cheerless windows.

But it was the only house within miles, and probably the only deserted house in the whole countryside, and a storm was blowing up. To an old hobo like Pete Welch the only thing to do in a storm was seek shelter, and that was all there was to it. He turned his coat collar up and went into the weed-grown yard.

The door was open, which saved him the trouble of breaking a window. The hinges were rusty, and they squeaked when he swung the door ajar. There was a musty smell in the air; it struck his nostrils the moment he set foot within the place.

He laughed shortly to himself; he was letting his imagination run away with him. This

house was no different than hundreds of other houses he had grabbed a night's sleep in while "on the road."

He was hungry. Not much chance of any food being found in a deserted old shack like this one, though. A bottle, now, there was a different story. Many a time he had found an overlooked bottle of whisky or wine on a dusty shelf. He'd have a look.



It was confoundingly dark in the old house. He tried the lights, but they wouldn't work. So he lighted a match and looked about him. Rats, frightened by the yellow flickering of the match, scuttled dryly across the old floor. The room was bare. Another room showed nothing of promise. And then he entered what must have at one time been the kitchen. It, too, was bare of furnishings, but a stairwell was at one end of the room. Pete looked at the door. There seemed to be an inscription

on the door. Pete brought the match closer to the dusty old wooden panel.

*If this door you swing ajar  
Your ghastly doom will not  
be far!*

The match had burned too low, and it seared his fingers. He dropped it with a curse, and with shaking hands hastened to light another and hold it up to the door. But, in the light of the new match, no inscription was to be seen!

*My imagination is playing  
Old Ned with me tonight,* he thought.

He tried the door. It swung open almost before his hand touched the knob. The feeble light of the old candle was not powerful enough to pierce the gloom which lay within, but Pete could see that a flight of stone stairs led below.

*It leads to the cellar, no doubt,* he thought. *That is where I am most likely to find wine.*

He started to descend. Before he had gone three steps the door behind him slammed shut with a bang that rang of finality. He leaped back and pushed against the door, but it held fast. "Probably a spring lock," he muttered, "although I don't remember seeing it on the door. Oh, well..." he shrugged. He'd climbed out of cellar windows before; he could again.

A cold gust of wind arose from the blackness below. It blew out the tiny flame of the match. He felt in his pocket with frantic fingers, but the pack of remaining matches was not to be found. Stumblingly, feeling the wall in front of



him, he crept down the rest of the stairs. Then, at the bottom, he cried out and flung his forearm up to cover his eyes.

For the cellar was lighted with a brightness that blinded him!

A withered old crone stood in the middle of the stone floor. Her hair was as white as wood ashes, her skin as rough and brown as the bark of a tree, and her small, blue eyes glittered like diamonds.

"What do you wish to take with you?" she said. To look at her one would have expected a croaking hoarseness akin to the raven's call, but the sound of her voice was melodious and beautiful. It stilled all the fears evoked in Pete's mind because of her sudden appearance.

"I didn't think anyone lived here," Pete said. "This your house?"

"It is part of me; my children built it. What do you wish to take with you?"

"I want some wine. Do you have any wine?"

"Alas, it is too late for that. There have been those who have said that the waters of my house were like wines. But it is too late for that."

Pete looked at her curiously. "Well, I'll be goin', then. How do you open that door up there?"

"Alas," the old crone said again. "There is no going back. There is never any going back. There is but one way out, and that way is forward." She pointed a bony finger, and for the first time Pete noticed the stairway which led into the depths of the cellar floor.

"What's down there?" he asked. "Is it another cellar? Is there an exit down there?"

But she only answered, "It is the only way out."

The calm, beautiful voice infuriated him. He struck at her roughly and she fell to her knees. Suddenly a clap of thunder shook the foundations of the old house. It was the loudest thunder that Pete had ever heard.



*The storm must have started outside, he thought. Maybe I should stay here with her...*

But the look in the cold blue eyes chilled and repelled him. He hurried to the stairway and started to run down the stone steps. It was an odd flight of stairs, the oddest Pete had ever seen. A weird blue glow seemed to come from the walls on either side of him; and looking up he could have sworn that overhead wheeled all the stars he had ever seen! Cold and blue, they stared down unwinkingly. They reminded him of the eyes of the old woman up above, and he ran faster.

The music started, then. He stopped running when he heard it, but then he could hear nothing. It started again when he resumed his descent, and after several trial starts and stops he determined that he could hear the weird sound only while he continued downward to what lay at the bottom of the stairs.

It was strange, that music! It was wonder and terror rolled into one stream of sound that lashed at him and curled round his throat and seemed to push at his back, hurrying him onward. It told the story of the first man he had blackjacked, the first money he had stolen, the first woman he had beaten. It told of the nights in the hobo jungles, with the fire snapping and the stars wheeling cold and blue overhead. It told of...

But the music had stopped.

He had come to the bottom of the stairs. A door was there. It was a heavy stone door. It was enscribed with many words, in many tongues, and embossed with pictures that Pete did not want to look at.

Pete touched the door. It opened instantly, noiselessly, as if it had done so innumerable times before.

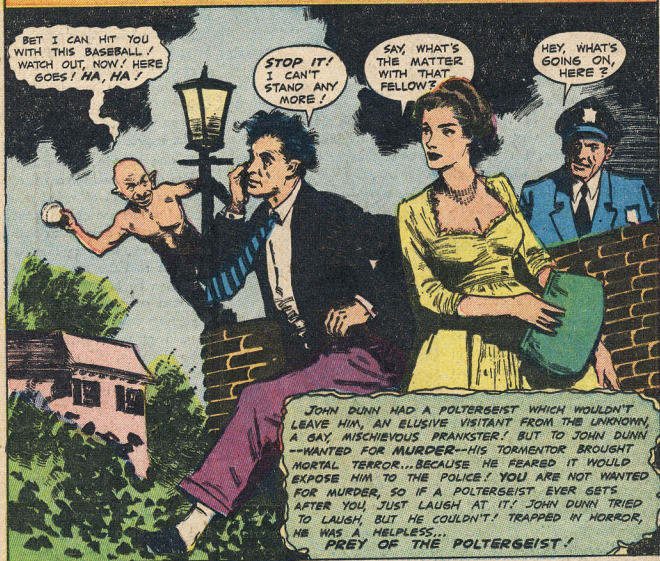
Pete stared at the ghastly figure which beckoned him across the threshold.

"I've been waiting for you," said Death.

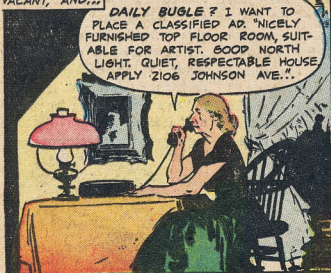




# The Haunted Murderer!



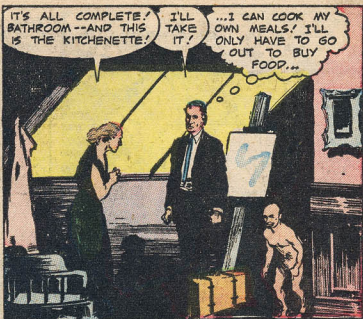
MRS. BLANCHARD'S ROOMING HOUSE WAS ALWAYS PRETTY WELL RENTED. BUT NOW HER ATTIC WAS VACANT, AND...



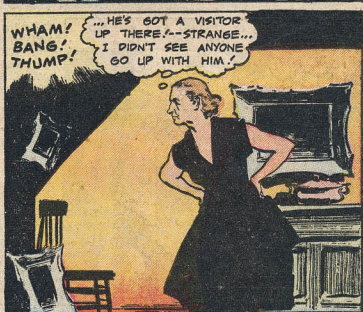
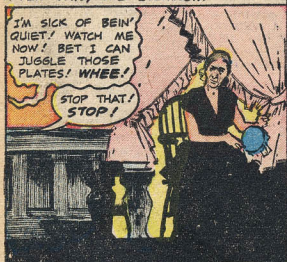
LATE THE NEXT DAY...



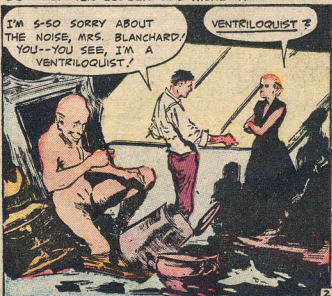
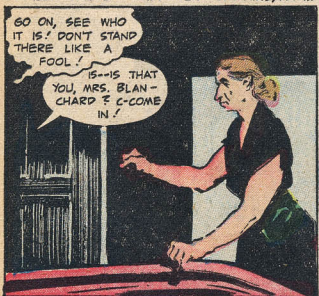




MRS. BLANCHARD'S NEW LODGER SEEMED LIKE A VERY QUIET, NICE MAN--BUT AFTER A FEW DAYS, ONE EVENING...



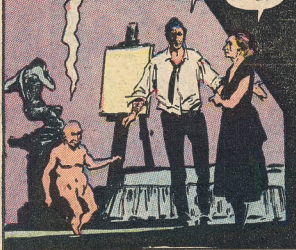
FINALLY THE LANDLADY WENT UPSTAIRS, AND... BUT ONLY HER LODGER WAS THERE! AND...





MISOSH, SHE'S AN OLD SOURPUSS, AIN'T SHE?  
S-SEE WHAT I MEAN? I CAN THROW MY VOICE... CRACK JOKES!

WELL!



MRS. BLANCHARD WAS SORRY THAT SHE'D RENTED THE ATTIC TO SUCH A WEIRD LODGER! EACH DAY HE SEEMED MORE HARASSED! HE ALMOST NEVER WENT OUT! AND THEN, ONE NIGHT...

YOU GOTTA PUT UP WITH ME! YOU CAN'T ESCAPE! WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF ANYWAY--THAT OLD BAT?

I WON'T HAVE SUCH GOINGS-ON IN MY HOUSE! I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

I CAN ESCAPE! I'LL GET AWAY FROM YOU!



AS THE RUMPUS CONTINUED, SHE PHONED THE POLICE, AND WHEN THEY CAME...

SOME FUN, EH?

HE'S OFF HIS HEAD!.. STARK CRAZY!

BUMP! CRASH!



THAT WAS JOHN DUNN TORMENTED BY HIS POLTERGEIST! THE THING HAD BEGUN MONTHS PREVIOUSLY, IN A DISTANT CITY! DUNN WAS VERY PLEASSED WITH HIMSELF! HE HAD JUST "ACQUIRED" RICHES...



I'VE NO POLICE RECORD! THEY CAN'T IDENTIFY THOSE FINGERPRINTS AS MINE! I'M RICH FOR LIFE!



DUNN WAS SAFE! BUT HE COULDN'T TAKE THE LEAST CHANCE OF ANYTHING HAPPENING WHICH WOULD BRING HIM TO THE NOTICE OF THE POLICE...

IF THE POLICE EVER TOOK MY FINGERPRINTS, A CHECK WOULD REVEAL ME AS SWINBOURNE'S KILLER!



THAT WAS THE NIGHT THAT THE POLTERGEIST CAME TO DUNN! WAS IT FATE?--OR JUST COINCIDENCE? NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW! DUNN WAS IN HIS LUXURIOUS HOTEL ROOM, WHEN...

THOSE BOOKS! WHA--?!





BOOKS, POISED IN MID-AIR, HELD BY UN-SEEN HANDS! THEN, SUDDENLY...



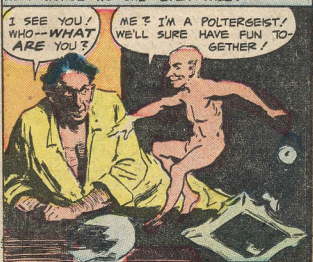
AND THEN, ANOTHER NIGHT...



IT WENT ON LIKE THAT...UNTIL ONE NIGHT...



GRINNING, IMPISH LITTLE CREATURE OUT OF THE UNKNOWN! NO ONE HAS EVER EXPLAINED HIM! MAYBE NO ONE EVER WILL!



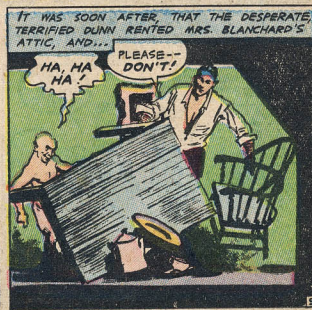
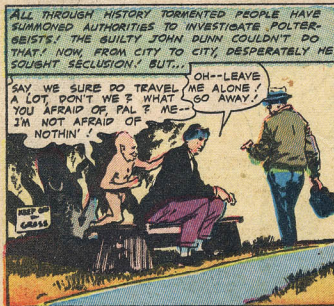
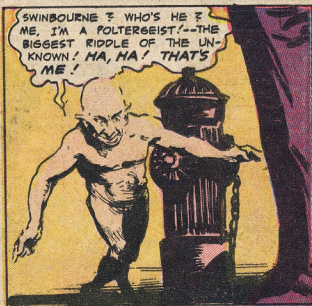
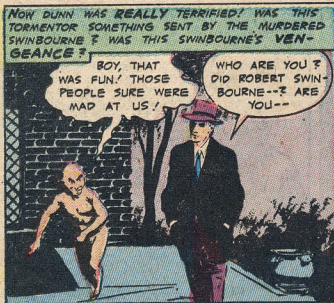
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TORMENTED BY POLTERGEISTS! ONCE THEY GET AFTER YOU, SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T SHAKE THEM LOOSE! IT BEGAN TO TERRIFY JOHN DUNN, WHEN...



AND BEFORE THE TERRIFIED DUNN COULD STOP HER, THE ANGRY GIRL HAD CALLED A POLICEMAN...









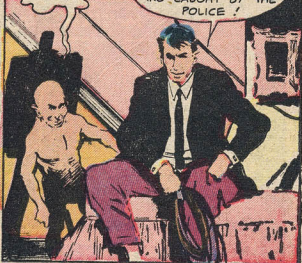
GRADUALLY, THE TORTURED DUINN HAD BROKEN! MRS. BLANCHARD DIDN'T SEE HIM THAT AFTERNOON WHEN HE WENT OUT AND CAME HOME WITH SOMETHING HE'D BOUGHT...

I'LL DO IT TONIGHT! I CAN'T STAND ANY MORE, AN' THIS IS THE ONLY ESCAPE!



WHAT YA GOT? ROPE? I CAN JUMP ROPE! WATCH!

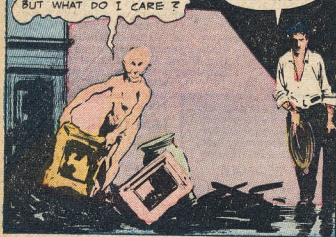
MY ESCAPE! HA, HA! NOTHING MATTERS, NOW! IT'S BETTER THAN BEING CAUGHT BY THE POLICE!



AND IT WAS LATER THAT SAME NIGHT, WHEN...

LET'S GET THAT SOURPUSS LANDLADY UP HERE! HA, HA! SHE'LL BE MAD AT US-- BUT WHAT DO I CARE?

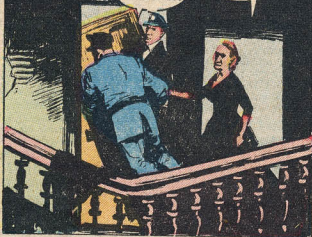
I'LL DO IT NOW! I'VE GOT TO DO IT NOW!



THAT WAS WHEN MRS. BLANCHARD PHONED FOR THE POLICE! AND WHEN THEY BROKE DOWN THE ATTIC DOOR...

BREAK IT DOWN!

LOOK!



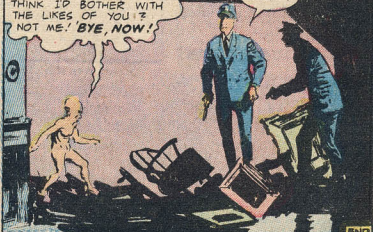
--HANGED HIMSELF! HE'S DEAD!



FOR JUST AN INSTANT, THE STARTLED POLICEMEN SAW THE GRINNING, IMPISH LITTLE FIGURE! THEN IT FADED AND WAS GONE!--A RIDDLE OF THE UNKNOWN...

HELLO, FELLOWS! YOU THINK I'D BOTHER WITH THE LIKES OF YOU? NOT ME! 'BYE, NOW!

WHA--?



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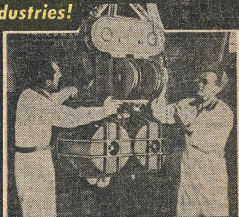


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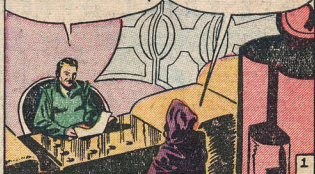
YES, OF COURSE! I'LL SUBMIT SPECIFICATIONS!



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YOUR SPECIFICATIONS ARE SATISFACTORY, DARROW! HOW SOON WILL YOU DELIVER THIS ROBOT?

INCLUDING HIS TRAINING? ABOUT TWO MONTHS, GENERAL! I'LL PUT EVERY RESOURCE AT MY FACTORY TO WORK.





DARROW PUT ALL HIS GENIUS INTO THIS NEW TYPE ROBOT! HE CALLED IT MODEL L2!

A WONDERFUL THING, MR. DARROW! WHY--WHY, IT WILL BE ALMOST HUMAN!

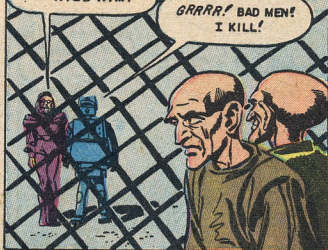
WITH THE INTELLIGENCE OF A HIGHLY TRAINED DOG! OR EVEN MORE-- I CANNOT TELL YET!



THEN MODEL L2 WAS READY FOR TRAINING! HE WAS SHOWN THE PRISONERS OF WAR!

THESE PEOPLE ARE THE ENEMY, ELTOO! WHEN YOU MEET ONE OF THEM--  
**KILL HIM!**

**GRRRR! BAD MEN! I KILL!**



THE FULLY TRAINED L2 WAS DELIVERED TO GENERAL BLAIR, AT THE HEADQUARTERS IN FLORIDA.

THIS IS YOUR COMMANDER, ELTOO! YOU TAKE ORDERS FROM HIM!

YES, SIR!



THEN L2 MET MAJOR GAROND, ONE OF GENERAL BLAIR'S ASSISTANTS! THIS IS MAJOR GAROND, ELTOO. THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN YOU TAKE ORDERS FROM HIM.

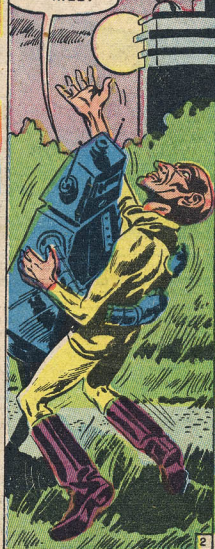
YES, SIR!

WHY-- THIS MACHINE IS ALMOST HUMAN!



THE MARTIAN'S BARRAGE OF INVISIBILITY WAS SMASHED! AND...

... MUST KILL! MY ORDERS SAY-- MUST KILL!



L2 BEGAN HIS SENTRY DUTY, ROVING THE ENCAMPMENT! AND ONE NIGHT...

ENEMY IS HERE! MUST FIND HIM! KILL HIM!



THERE HAD BEEN DANGER THAT SOME MARTIAN SPY-- ELECTRONICALLY INVISIBLE-- WOULD BE ABLE TO MURDER GENERAL BLAIR! AND NOW...

THIS BAD MAN! MUST KILL BAD MAN! KILL!...



2 GOT GREAT APPLAUSE! BUT THERE WAS ONE WHO WASN'T PLEASED!

YOU DID YOUR DUTY WELL, ELTOO!

THANK YOU, SIR!

HE HAS ELECTRONIC SENSES AND HE CAN BE ON DUTY 24 HOURS A DAY!

...THAT THING IS SUPERHUMAN! I'LL HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL!



GAROND MET HIS MARTIAN GO-BETWEEN, AND...

I HAD TO BE VERY CAREFUL! WE HAVE A DAMNABLE, SUPER-HUMAN MACHINE HERE!

I HAVE HEARD OF HIM!



FOR MONTHS MAJOR GAROND HAD BEEN PLOTTING TO BETRAY HIS COUNTRY!

IF MY PLANS SUCCEED, THE MARTIANS WILL TAKE OVER THE EARTH! AND THEY'LL MAKE ME THEIR EARTH PRESIDENT!



WHEN WILL YOU DELIVER THE DETAILS OF YOUR INVASION PLAN TO US? MY LEADER WISHES TO KNOW ITS EXACT DATE!

I'LL HAVE IT FOR YOU TOMORROW NIGHT!



THE INVASION DATE AND THE EXACT PLACE OF LANDING WERE A CLOSELY GUARDED EARTH SECRET! THE NEXT NIGHT...

YOU WILL TAKE OUR PLANS TO PROFESSOR EVANS, GAROND!

HA! HA! THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I NEED!



PROFESSOR EVANS' LABORATORY WAS IN THE WOODS NEARBY! HE WAS AN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICIST WHO FOR A YEAR HAD BEEN DEVISING NEW-TYPE ATOMIC WEAPONS!

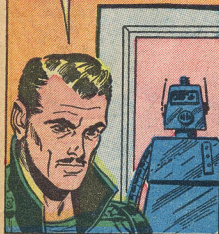
I'LL GET EVANS' LATEST FORMULAE. DELIVER THE WHOLE THING TO THE MARTIANS!





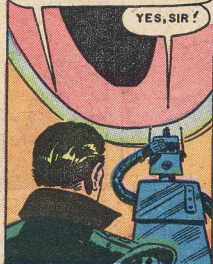
MEANWHILE, GENERAL BLAIR...

IF ANY MARTIAN SPY LOCATED GAROND, THEY WOULD KILL HIM! HE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE ROBOT WITH HIM!

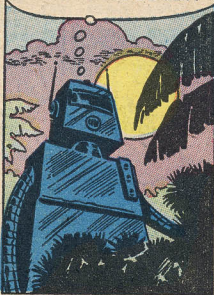


GO TO PROFESSOR EVANS' LABORATORY! MAJOR GAROND WILL BE THERE! YOU STAY BY HIM UNTIL HE RETURNS HERE!

YES, SIR!



BAD MEN MAY BE HERE! MUST WATCH AND KILL BAD MEN!



AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE LITTLE COTTAGE WHERE PROFESSOR EVANS LIVED WITH HIS GRANDDAUGHTER...

I HAVE OUR INVASION PLANS TO SHOW YOU!

GOOD! BUT FIRST...MARY, WE MUST GIVE MAJOR GAROND SOME SUPPER! MARY IS A WONDERFUL COOK, MAJOR!



FOR A MOMENT, THE VILLAINOUS GAROND WAS LEFT ALONE! AND...

I'LL FIND HIS FORMULAE! THEY OUGHT TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!



BUT, SUDDENLY...

GAROND! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHA--?



THOSE ARE MY PRIVATE PAPERS! WHY--WHY, I--  
DID YOU HAVE ORDERS TO INSPECT THEM?



OF COURSE!  
GENERAL BLAIR  
ORDERED ME TO  
BRING THEM TO  
HIM!



ALL RIGHT!  
I'LL ASK HIM!

OH, NO, YOU  
WON'T!

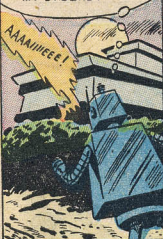


A SPY! A  
TRAITOR-  
OUS SPY!  
BUT YOU'LL  
NEVER  
LIVE TO  
TELL IT!

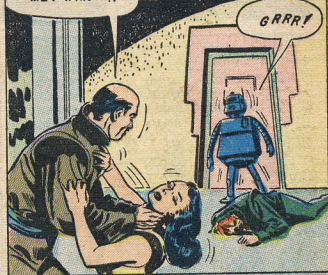


AND AT THAT INSTANT  
L2 ARRIVES!

SOMETHING BAD HERE!  
I MUST FIX IT! I HAVE  
MY ORDERS!

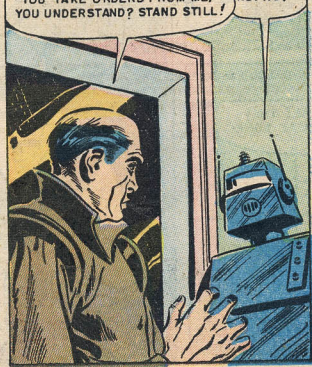


I'LL SAY I FOUND THEM BOTH DEAD, KILLED BY  
MARTIAN SPIES! NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT  
ME! WHA--?!



YOU TAKE ORDERS FROM ME,  
YOU UNDERSTAND? STAND STILL!

NO! NO!



THEN THE MURDEROUS  
GAROND FLED! BUT...

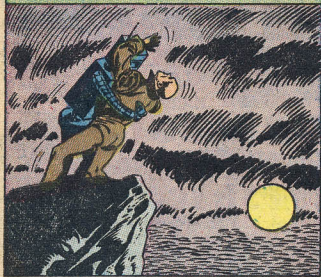
STOP! STAND STILL! YOU  
TAKE ORDERS FROM ME!

NO! NO!

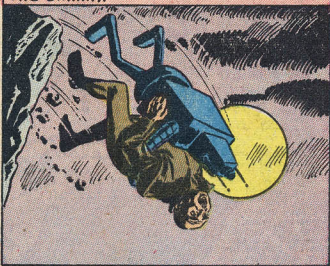




IN THE GRIP OF THE ELECTRONIC-POWERED METAL ARMS, THE MURDEROUS GAROND WAS HELPLESS...



SIMPLE THOUGHT-PROCESSES FANNED AN ELECTRONIC BRAIN! L2 COULD HAVE NO THOUGHT-REACTION OF PERSONAL DANGER! THEY TOPPLED OVER THE BRINK...



THEN DOWN ON TO THE ROCKS BELOW...



HOW COULD ANYONE EVER KNOW WHAT ACTUALLY HAD HAPPENED?

WELL, HERE'S THE ANSWER! THE ROBOT RAN AMOK! KILLED PROFESSOR EVANS AND HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER!

...GRABBED MAJOR GAROND, AN FELL OFF THE CLIFF WITH HIM!



AND WHEN DARROW, THE ROBOT'S BUILDER WAS SENT FOR...

THREE INNOCENT PEOPLE KILLED BY A MACHINE FAILED TO WORK PROPERLY!

I-I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, GENERAL BLAIR!



SURELY THERE COULD BE NO SUCH THING AS THE PHANTOM OF A SMASHED PIECE OF MACHINERY! THAT'S ABSURD, OF COURSE! BUT IF SOME...SPIRIT OF L2 COULD BE WATCHING HERE...

THERE IS NO BLAME ATTACHED TO YOU, DARROW, OF COURSE!

I'LL NEVER BUILD ANOTHER ROBOT LIKE THAT! NEVER!

NO! NO! YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING ALL WRONG! ALL WRONG.



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BEEN SOLD FOR  
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John Sill  
NOW

Which of these  
**2 ME'S is YOU?**  
that 125 lb.—6 ft.

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CHESTED WAS ME  
A FEW SHORT WEEKS AGO

NO! friend you  
don't have to be  
**SKINNY** any more.  
Just mail NOW the **FREE**  
coupon below as I did.  
Soon YOU can add  
**7 inches** to your **CHEST**  
**3½ inches** to EACH  
**ARM** and the rest in  
proportion as I did.

**Come On, PAL  
NOW YOU give me**

**10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY**  
in your OWN HOME  
and I'll give YOU

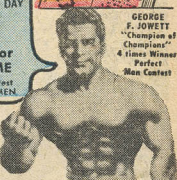
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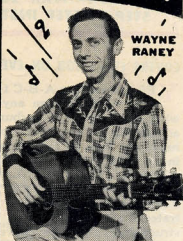
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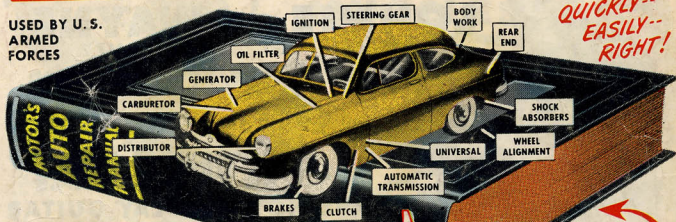
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